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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of

Toshiki TARU, et al.

Serial No.:

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Examiner:

For: FURNACE AND METHOD FOR OPTICAL FIBER WIRE DRAWING

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 4, line 1, please delete "or claim 3".

Claim 7, lines 1 through 2, please change "one of claim 1, claim 2, claim 5 or claim 6" to --claim 1--.

Claim 10, line 1, please delete " or claim 8".